

Superior Town Council
Town Council Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2007
Superior Senior Center
Superior, Arizona

M I N U T E S

A. Call to Order

Mayor Hing called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

B. Salute to the Flag

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, staff and the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

C. Opening Prayer

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, Staff and audience in an opening prayer.

D. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmember Cervantes, Councilmember Heglie, Second Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor Hing,

Members Absent: First Vice Mayor Valenzuela, Councilmember Peralta, Councilmember Marquez

A quorum was established and the meeting continued

F. Consent Agenda

Mayor Hing introduced the items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda for approval were:

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting August 2, 2007
Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting August 23, 2007
Blanket Permit Request Superior Optimist Club

Mayor Hing explained that a detail was left out of the minutes from August 23, 2007. He explained that in the Memorandum of Agreement the town is requesting that Resolution Copper place a campground within a 1 to 2 mile radius of the town should the Forest Service

not relocate a campground within the radius.

Councilmember Heglie explained that in the minutes from the August 2 meeting it a member present is listed for what should say members absent.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the changes to the minutes. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Communications

Managers Report – Rosie Cordova

Building Zoning/Public Works – Ms. Cordova explained that the police department, fire department and public works would be meeting to discuss their individual roles in building inspections and zoning ordinances. She also explained that Public Works is working on the issues with the old Uptown Theatre.

Air Ambulance – Ms. Cordova explained that the company is still interested but is moving slowly towards finalizing their agreements due to local competition and construction costs.

Community Development - Ms. Cordova explained that the Community Development Committee met and added a new task to build community awareness regarding crime to support the efforts of the police department.

CAAG Building/Belmont Building – Ms. Cordova explained that they will do a final testing for mold to determine if the building is safe to occupy. She also explained that it would cost an estimated \$10,000 to make the necessary modifications to the building.

Other – Ms. Cordova explained that council had information from the county assessor regarding the Industrial Park Lot and the Swimming Pool. She also explained that they are still missing some information regarding the new fire station and that she is working with CAAG and Melanie Oliver on the Main St. project to get additional funding.

Councilmember Cervantes asked where the money for the Main St was. He explained that the town had the funds available a few years ago to complete the four phases completely.

Mayor Hing and Ms. Cordova explained that due to a rise in construction costs and the fact that Superior had to wait to gain additional TIP funds that is why the money is not all there. Ms. Cordova explained that a portion of the funds are available but to complete the project the town will need to come up with the rest of the funding from the general fund.

Parks and Recreation – Ms. Lila Torres on behalf of the parks and recreation and the high school group FCCLA announced that they are working together to sponsor a Sr. Prom for our local Senior Citizens. She explained that the event will be held on Saturday October 6 from 7:00-11:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. She also gave details on the mentoring program both organizations will be developing that will match elementary aged kids with High School students for mentoring.

WiFi Education Expo – Ms. Lira reminded the council and audience about the upcoming WiFi Education Expo on Saturday September 8, 2007. She explained that this project was part of the WiFi deployment grant program to provide education opportunities for our residents and business owners on the benefits of WiFi.

Community Development Committee (Cleaning Group) – Ms. Anderson gave a brief overview of the Let's Talk Trash Committee. She explained that this group meets regularly to discuss how to clean up Superior. She explained that they are planning on hosting another community clean up day for the South Side of town in November. She explained that the committee recommends having 2 additional roll offs and the public works crew available for the event. She also explained a few other ideas to have non working cars reviewed and incentives to help people get rid of the cars. She explained that they would like to have a raffle if a person has an old car removed they get entered into a raffle to win \$200.00 she requested that the town sponsor the prize money. Mayor Hing and the council directed Ms. Cordova to work with the attorney on the legalities of the town contributing a cash prize to remove old cars.

Call to the Public

Mayor Hing announced the call to the public. He explained that anyone wishing to speak now could only speak directly to the Council and only for items not on the current agenda.

Roy Chavez – Expressed his concern over the town not allowing the public to vote for the Home Rule Election. He gave a brief history and report on the Home Rule Legislation. He also explained how the financial ramifications will affect the town in the future. He explained that the town has been reckless and the elected officials should be held responsible. He acknowledged the fact that that the Mayor has accepted responsibility and requested that Mayor Hing resign from being Mayor due to this costly mistake. He also suggested that an open town hall meeting be held to educate the public on this situation.

Alfonso Arriola – Expressed his concern over the speeding on Pinal Ave. He explained that according to the Doctors his son is lucky to be alive after being hit by a car on Pinal Ave. Councilmember Cervantes expressed his concerns for the family and the children in Superior. He explained how easy it is to be speeding in these newer cars. He encouraged everyone to pay more attention to their speed when driving.

Robert Soldano – Explained that he has been a resident for 12 years. He expressed his

concerns with the police department after his home was broken into while on vacation in July. He explained that the Police Department had not followed through with investigations or communicated with him regarding the burglary. Mayor Hing and council directed Ms. Cordova to work on this with Chief Digirolamo.

Mr. Gilbert – Praised the police department and presented the council with a wanted flyer that listed the most wanted criminals in Superior. He also expressed his concern that these criminals serve very little time before they are back on the streets here in Superior. He also gave an update on the recycling program and explained how many kids have benefited from the funds that have been raised. Mr. Gilbert also discussed his concerns about the WiFi project and how it is not working at its full capacity because of the final piece of equipment not being in place. He also expressed his concern with the salary of the town manager.

Business

Possible Discussion and/or action on the following

Presentation of Donation from APS for WiFi Project – Bill Marshall, APS

Mr. Marshall from APS presented a check for \$1,000 to the town of Superior as a contribution to the WiFi project. He also introduced the Executive Director for the Southern Gila County Economic Development Commission Chris Martin. Mr. Marshall expressed his excitement in being able to assist Superior and the surrounding areas with ways to create sustainable economies.

Councilmember Cervantes thanked Ms. Marshall and APS for their commitment to Superior and gave special thanks for the lighting that was placed at the Vietnam Memorial at the Superior Cemetery.

Discuss/Approve/Reject approval of change orders for CDBG Bob Jones Park project - Larry Rogers

Mr. Rodgers explained that this change order was needed because there were additional construction needs on this project. He explained that the Towns Public works department handled the additional trenching that was needed. Mr. Rodgers explained that the construction is moving along smoothly and they anticipate having the project complete before the annual festival in October.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the change order. Second Vice-Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

Discuss/Approve/Reject membership in the North Eastern Pinal Economic Partnership – Rosie Cordova

Ms. Cordova explained that this group is designed to assist the communities and unincorporated areas within north eastern Pinal County. She explained that Superior is in the area and the organization does include Superior as a member however the town has never paid dues. Ms. Cordova explained that this group is

new and is requesting dues of \$1,000 for a year membership.

Mayor Hing explained that the group had conducted a bus tour of the area to many developers in order to assist with economic development in the area.

Second Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to pay \$1,000 for a membership to the North Eastern Pinal Economic Partnership. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Cancel Contract Amendment Five for the contract renewal year FY08 with Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens – Kathy Long

Ms. Aldrete in the absence of Ms. Long explained that this was an amendment to the contract that the Senior Center has with Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens. She explained that the contract amount had decreased due to a lack of attendance at the Senior Center.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve contract amendment five. Vice Mayor 2 Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Reject appointment of two members to the Planning and Zoning Commission – Rosie Cordova

Ms. Cordova explained that they had 6 applicants and that their applications were in the council packets. She explained that the council would need to nominate each candidate and vote for them individually.

Mayor Hing nominated Gina Lopez. Second Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to appoint Gina Lopez to planning and zoning. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Hing nominated Barbara Arriola. Councilmember Heglie made a motion to appoint Barbara Arriola to planning and zoning. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Hing requested that Ms. Cordova contact Mr. Lira and find out if he was still able to be on the commission and if does not wish to continue to please have a new chair/vice chair appointed to the planning and zoning commission.

Discuss/Approve/Reject Environmental Impact resulting from Resolution Copper mining and pre-mining related activities, including but no limited to environmental issues of Land Exchange Bills, environmental concerns included in possible agreements with Resolution Copper, and letter to Congressional Delegation to address environmental concerns.

Mayor Hing explained that the council had recently voted to send a letter to Congress to stop the movement of the bill and withhold support from the Town of Superior for the Land Exchange bill until financial agreements could be made. Mayor Hing explained that this initial letter did not include holding the process until

environmental concerns are met. Mayor Hing requested that the council approve this second letter to be sent to the Congressional Delegation as well as state elected officials. At the Mayors request Ms. Cordova read the letter.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the letter to be sent to the Congressional Delegation. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss/Approve/Reject Ordinance 94. A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the town of Superior subject to taxation a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation sufficient to raise the amount estimated to be required in the annual budget, less the amount estimated to be received from other sources of revenue; providing funds for general municipal expenses for the fiscal year ending 30th day of June 2008.

Ms. Cordova explained that this is the second reading of the Ordinance which is required by law. She explained that since this was not an emergency ordinance it did not need a majority vote of the council. Ms. Cordova read the ordinance as the second reading.

Second Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to Ordinance No. 94. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Hing announced that there would not be an executive session.

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Heglie
Councilmember Heglie reminded everyone about the Arboretum Superior Day.

Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lopez also encouraged the public to attend the Superior Day at the Arboretum and enjoy all the trails there.

Mayor Hing
Mayor Hing reminded everyone to attend the WiFi Education Expo on Saturday and the Superior Day at the Arboretum on Sunday.

J. Executive Session – No executive session was held.

K. In Public Session

Executive Session Discussion

Adjournment

Second Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 6th Day of September 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/Rosie Cordova_____

Rosie Cordova

Town Manager/Clerk

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